

## COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## ARMING SENIORS AGAINST INVESTMENT FRAUD AND OTHER SCAMS Health and Human Services Agency To Co-sponsor Free Seminar for Seniors in Chula Vista

**WHO:** Marie Contreras-Sweet, California Business, Transportation and Housing Agency

Robyn Goodman, Manager for Seniors Against Investment Fraud program, California

**Department of Corporations** 

Representatives from the County's Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)

WHAT: A free awareness and prevention program for older adults on investment and

telemarketing fraud.

WHEN: 11 a.m. to Noon

Thursday, Sept. 18

WHERE: Norman Park Center, 270 F St., Chula Vista

WHY: Senior citizens are a primary target for telemarketing and investment scams, and constitute a major demographic of fraud victims. Many seniors have lost their homes and/or life savings, due to these fraudulent schemes, which often begin with telephone solicitations. This seminar will teach older adults how to recognize, report and avoid investment scams.

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